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Subject: RE: WGA Items

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: WGA Items

South Dakota: Dewey Burdock Uranium In-Situ Recovery UIC Permits

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Thanks! I made a couples of changes to the Class VI write up below. I would also suggest adding a sentence to the Dewey write up that we are also working with the company to clarify their comments and/or obtain additional information.

We'll be packing up and heading back to Denver tomorrow am so I don't think I'll be able to review again before Andrew's deadline.

Thanks!
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Darcy, here are our three items. Separately I send two bullets to EPE on WIIN and copied you.

Your review of the NDIC Class VI and Dewey items would be good – they're very brief and to the point, which seems right. (Thanks to Sarah!)

These are now due to Andrew at 10 AM.

Western Governors Association

R8 Drinking Water lead initiative in support of Administrator's lead action plan

On February 15, 2018, the Administrator hosted fellow Cabinet members and other key senior leaders to outline a federal strategy to reduce childhood lead exposure and associated health risks. Region 8 has developed a lead action plan focusing on minimizing lead exposure from drinking water throughout Region 8 states which will complement the national plan under development.

- Region 8's efforts will focus on three priority areas:
 - Promote protection of vulnerable populations by working with schools and day cares to encourage testing and remediation.
 - Address systems with high lead levels to accelerate actions necessary to reduce lead exposure, and ensure the affected communities are informed.
 - Continue to train water operators, including on locating and verifying lead service lines, and develop investigative tools to address any home with high lead levels.
- Region 8 will be working closely with State Drinking Water Programs, Departments of Education and local governments to advance these efforts.
- Region 8 is also closely coordinating with EPA Headquarters offices on these actions which could be used as a model for other regional lead action plans.

North Dakota: UIC Class VI Primacy

EPA has reviewed all public comments received on the proposed approval of North Dakota's application for UIC Class VI primacy, and we anticipate issuing a final determination this spring. If approved, the NDIC North Dakota would be the first state UIC program in the nation to issue Class VI permits regulating the long-term storage of carbon dioxide. Region 8 will send to the Office of Water its recommendation for approval in February. We anticipate a final determination this spring with formal rulemaking to follow

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